

1997 Census of Agriculture

State Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, California Agricultural Statistics Service

CALIFORNIA

Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	23,032,259	1	50
Value of crops including nursery	17,033,714	1	50
Value of livestock and poultry	5,998,545	3	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Fruits, nuts, berries	7,822,769	1	50
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	4,019,298	1	50
Dairy products	3,177,770	1	50
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,210,574	1	50
Cattle and calves	1,411,055	7	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	237,723,294	9	50
Turkeys sold	23,552,478	5	49
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	20,046,329	5	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	5,212,933	4	50
Cattle and calves sold	3,107,562	6	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Broiler inventory	34,781,220	10	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	30,312,145	1	50
All turkeys inventory	8,633,371	4	50
Cattle and calves inventory	4,968,679	5	50
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	3,837,842	4	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Land in orchards-acres	2,582,084	1	50
Hay crops-acres	1,698,773	14	50
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,065,465	1	50
Cotton-acres	1,036,316	3	18
Wheat-acres	581,071	18	46

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	32,487	37,269	-13
\$10,000 or more	41,639	40,400	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	16,817,253	13,804,983	22
Average per farmdollars..	226,868	177,755	28
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,118,086	3,179,111	92
Average per farmdollars..	82,533	40,935	102
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	56,755	60,187	-6
Partnership or corporation	16,065	16,417	-2
Other	1,306	1,065	23
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	39,267	40,215	-2
Other	34,859	37,454	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	64,062	68,016	-6
Female	10,064	9,653	4
Operators by race:			
White	67,566	71,872	-6
Black and other races	6,560	5,797	13
Average age of operator	56.5	55.2	2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.